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FROM MARTIN FOR MAYIO (EB) AND MILLS (IO)

ROME FOR BYRNES

REF: ROME 0787 AND 0832

FOLLOWING ARE MY PRELIMINARY REACTIONS TO REFTELS:

- 1. ESSENTIAL KEEP IN MIND PARA 1 OF DEPTEL 10697 STRESSING
 TENTATIVE NATURE US POSITION ALL SUBJECTS INCLUDING AGENDA
 PENDING FURTHER US WORK AND MORE CONTACTS WITH OTHER GOVTS.
- 2. PROPOSED AGENDA IN ROME 0832 GENERALLY IN RIGHT DIRECTION BUT COULD BE IMPROVED INSEVERAL WAYS. REFERENCE IN POINT 1 TO "CAUSES" AND IN POINT 2 TO "POSSIBLE APPROACHES" *EEMS LIKELY TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR TIME-CONSUMING GENERAL DISCUSSION IN WFC SERVING NO PURPOSE SINCE ACTION AGENDA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH SUCH DEBATE MIGHT INFLUENCE WOULD ALREADY HAVE BE*N

AGREED BY PREPCOM. REGRET FAILURE IN POINT 3 TO MENTION SPECIFICALLY NEED TO IMPROVE COSTEFFICIENCY OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF BASIC FOODS. JUST PRODUCING MORE IS NOT ENOUGH. BOTH TO ORGANIZE DEBATE BETTER AND FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS PURPOSES WOULD SEEM PREFERABLE TO SPLIT POINT 4 INTO STOCKPILING AND FOOD AID ITEMS. AS NOTED PARA 5 OF DEPTEL 10697 THIS IS FOOD CONFERENCE AND NOT AGRICULTURAL ONE AND CHANGE DESIRABLE IN POINT 5 TO INSURE THIS LIMITATION UNDERSTOOD.

3. ANNOTATIONS IN ROME 0832 RAISE SEVEAL SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. PURPOSE OF PARA 9 OF DEPTEL 10697 WAS TO PERSUADE OTHERS, INCLUDING UN, TO STOP SPELL-OUT OF THIS SORT. HOPE THAT CAN BE AGREED THAT IF DISCUSSED BY FIRST PREPCOM IT WOULD BE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY AND THAT NO FORMAL ACTION WILL BE SOUGHT BEYOND NOTING IT. EVEN SUCH A DISCUSSION WILL HAVE TO BE TENTATIVE FOR US AS WE WILL NOT BE READY THEN TO TAKE STAND ON NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIVE POINTS. PRESUME SOME OTHER GOVTS WILL HAVE SAME DIFFICULTY.

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